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SUBJECT: Pilot Ejection System Utilization

1. Purpose: To establish a standard procedure for the utilization of the ejection seat.

a. General: It will be the responsibility of the Detachment Commander to implement the provisions herein outlined. All previously published dictates relative to circumstantial control of the Pilot Ejection System are hereby rescinded. Departures from enumerations below will require prior approval from the Project Director of Operations or his deputy.

b. Specific:

(1) Mandatory Utilization

- (a) For all flights conducted for check out, familiarization and proficiency purposes.
- (b) For all engineering flights. (Test hops, post engine change, periodic inspections, etc.)
- (c) For all flights conducted for weather research purposes.
- (d) For all flights conducted for purposes of equipment testing. (Flight testing of new systems, etc.)
- (e) For all ferrying missions not involving penetrations or traversing denied territory.

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(2) Conditioned Utilization - Installation of the Pilot Ejection System for the following type flights will be as directed by flight planning factors and mission situation as well as the Commander's decision and pilot's desires:

- (a) Flights involving penetrations.
- (b) Flights traversing denied territory.
- (c) Evacuations necessitated by severe weather.
- (d) Emergency evacuations - general.

(3) Report  will contain information as to whether the ejection seat is to be installed for flights outlined in paragraphs 2a and b above.

Director of Operations

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